




PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 7,
2021.

PERSUANT TO THE FOREGOING WARRANT, THE LEGAL
VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM MET AT THE J.R.
BRIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 96 WILLIAMS
ROAD. THE TOWN MODERATOR, KEITHY GLENNY, OPENED
THE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.



ARTICLE

1. TOWN ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS C.90, s. 18B – SAFETY ZONES

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 18B permitting the establishment of designated safety zones, in the interest of public safety on, at or near any way in town which is not a state highway, and if the same is a state highway, with the approval of the state Department of Transportation, Division of Highways; such safety zones shall have a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour; or act in relation thereto. (Requested by Town Administrator)

MOTION MADE -- Bill Johnson
BY:

SECONDED BY: -- Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section. 18B:

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Yes	ADVISORY RECOMMEND: --	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: --	TAX RATE IMPACT: --
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EXPLANATION: Cities and towns have the option to opt-in to MGL c 90, s. 18B, establishing designated safety zones with a 20 mile per hour speed limit.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY "MAJORITY" YES

VOTE

☐ Unanimous ☒ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____Yays _____Nays

ARTICLE

2. TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FREE CASH – SCHOOL CAPITAL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$101,391 for the School Capital Account FY22, or at in relation thereto:

MOTION MADE -- Leo Janssens II
BY:

SECONDED BY: - Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash sum of \$101,391 for the School Capital Account FY22.

SELECTMEN	ADVISORY	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE	TAX RATE
RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	IMPACT:
Yes	Yes	YES	--

EXPLANATION: The town is obligated to pay a share of certain capital costs for the schools. The \$101,391 will be Ashburnham's FY22 payment towards those costs. There is enough money in certified free cash to take care of this obligation.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY "MAJORITY" YES

VOTE

☐ Unanimous ☒ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____Yays _____Nays

ARTICLE

3. TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FREE CASH – HIGHWAY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$200,000 to the Highway Repairs and Maintenance (#0010-420-5240-0000), or at in relation thereto:

MOTION MADE -- Rosemarie Meissner
BY:

SECONDED BY: -- Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$200,000 to the Highway Repair and Maintenance Account.

SELECTMEN	ADVISORY	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE	TAX RATE
RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	IMPACT:
Yes	Yes	Yes	--

EXPLANATION: The pavement management plan requests these funds in order to work on various streets shown in the plan starting in the spring of 2022. There is enough money in certified free cash to take care of this request.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY "UNANIMOUS" YES

VOTE

☒ Unanimous ☐ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____ Yays _____ Nays

ARTICLE

4. TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FREE CASH – TOWN OWNED DAMS MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$150,000 for the Town Dams Maintenance, or at in relation thereto:

MOTION MADE -- Bill Johnson
BY:

SECONDED BY: -- Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$150,000 for the Town Owned Dams and Maintenance Account.

SELECTMEN	ADVISORY	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE	TAX RATE
RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	IMPACT:
Yes	Yes	Yes	--

EXPLANATION: Explanation. There are several town owned dams in town in need of inspections, maintenance, design and engineering. Along with those needs the Massachusetts DCR has also notified the town that safety inspections need to be completed by December 15, 2021. There is enough money in certified free cash to take care of this obligation.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY "UNANIMOUS" YES

VOTE

☒ Unanimous ☐ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____Yays _____Nays

ARTICLE

5. TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FREE CASH – CAPITAL DPW VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$260,000 for the Capital Account for a DPW Vehicle, or at in relation thereto:

MOTION MADE -- Leo Janssens II
BY:

SECONDED BY: -- Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$260,000 for the Capital Account for a DPW Vehicle.

SELECTMEN	ADVISORY	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE	TAX RATE
RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	IMPACT:
Yes	Yes	Yes	--

EXPLANATION: The request to replace the 1995 International Truck 4X4 with a new 2022 Freightliner (All Wheel) 108SD Cab/Chassis Universal Dump/Spreader Body with 11' Butterfly power angle snowplow. The new vehicle will support DPW operations year-round whereas the 1995 International was only used during winter months. There is enough money in certified free cash to take care of this request.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY UNANIMOUS" YES

VOTE

☒ Unanimous ☐ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____Yays _____ Nays

6. TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FREE CASH – CAPITAL FIRE LEASED VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$110,000 for the Capital Account for a Fire Leased Vehicle, or at in relation thereto:

MOTION MADE -- Rosemarie Meissner
BY:

SECONDED BY: -- Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$110,000 for the Capital Fire Lease Vehicle Account.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Yes	ADVISORY RECOMMEND: Yes	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: YES	TAX RATE IMPACT: --
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EXPLANATION: The request authorization to enter a 10-year lease to replace the 1983 Mack Ladder Truck which is out of service with a new multi-purpose Quint Ladder Truck. The total cost of the Quint is estimated at \$950,000 with an annual lease projected of \$110,000. The new vehicle will allow better access to our roads than the old ladder truck making it a more suitable option for the town. There is enough money in certified free cash to take care of this request.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY "MAJORITY" YES

VOTE

☐ Unanimous ☒ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____Yays _____Nays

ARTICLE

7. TRANSFER GRANT MATCHING FUND FIRE – CAPITAL FIRE VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Grant Matching Fund Fire Account a sum of \$48,000 for the Grant Matching Fund Fire, or at in relation thereto:

MOTION MADE -- Bill Johnson
BY:

SECONDED BY: -- Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to transfer from Grant Matching Fund Fire a sum of \$48,000 for the Grant Matching Fund Fire Account, or at in relation thereto:

SELECTMEN	ADVISORY	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE	TAX RATE
RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	IMPACT:
Yes	Yes	Yes	--

EXPLANATION: The town applied for a grant to purchase a Quint Fire Truck which it did not receive therefore I am asking to reallocate those funds to the purchase of a new Fire Engine Truck which would replace the 2005 Fire Engine Truck.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY "UNANIMOUS" YES

VOTE

☒ Unanimous ☐ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____ Yays _____ Nays

ARTICLE

8. TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FREE CASH – CAPITAL FIRE VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$50,000 for the Capital Account for a Fire Vehicle, or at in relation thereto:

MOTION MADE -- Leo Janssens II
BY:

SECONDED BY: -- Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$50,000 for the Grant Matching Fund Fire.

SELECTMEN	ADVISORY	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE	TAX RATE
RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	IMPACT:
Yes	Yes	Yes	--

EXPLANATION: The request to replace the 2013 Ford Interceptor Utility Car with a new Hybrid Utility Truck for the Fire Chief. The 2013 vehicle has rusted frame and is out of service and not repairable so this request will replace that vehicle. There is grant funding for \$10,000 to cover the additional cost for a hybrid vehicle. There is enough money in certified free cash to take care of this request.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY "UNANIMOUS" YES

VOTE

☒ Unanimous ☐ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____ Yays _____ Nays

ARTICLE

9. TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FREE CASH – CAPITAL POLICE VEHICLE MARKED

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$50,000 for the Capital Account Police Marked Vehicle, or at in relation thereto:

MOTION MADE -- Rosemarie Meissner
BY:

SECONDED BY: -- Ron Putnam

MOTION: I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of \$50,000 for the Capital Account Police Marked Vehicle.

SELECTMEN	ADVISORY	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE	TAX RATE
RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	RECOMMEND:	IMPACT:
Yes	Yes	Yes	--

EXPLANATION: The request to replace the marked cruiser was scheduled in accordance with the police capital plan in FY23 but due to the current supply problems with vehicles ordering it now using free cash is recommended. There is grant funding for \$10,000 to cover the additional cost for a hybrid vehicle which would be the first hybrid marked vehicle in the police department. There is enough money in certified free cash to take care of this request.

VOTE Simple Majority
REQUIRED:

VOTE PASSED BY "UNANIMOUS" YES

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.

VOTE

☒ Unanimous ☐ Majority Voice ☐ 2/3 Majority Voice ☐ Count _____ Yays _____ Nays